



JULY 24, 2018 MEETING OVERVIEW

The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of the actions taken by the School Board and to provide a listing of the reports given. Anyone interested in viewing the full meeting, please visit the website listed below.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education came to order at 6:02pm at the call of Board Chair Rita Moore in the Board Auditorium at the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon.

Attendance

Present: Chair Moore; Directors Anthony, Bailey, Brim-Edwards, Kohnstamm, and Rosen; Superintendent Guerrero; Interim General Counsel Large. Vice-Chair Esparza Brown absent.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Guerrero's report included: new leadership members coming aboard, including the new Chief of Schools Gregg Cuellar; 3-day Leadership Institute with school administrators to be held at Roosevelt High School in August with the title, "Learning and Leading Together"; Superintendent Guerrero appointed to serve on the Council of Great City Schools Executive Committee; Project Community Care Day will be held on August 18th from 9:00am to noon; and, a "New Faces in Public Education Forum" was held with the topic being narrowing the student achievement gap.

At 6:36pm, a Recess of the Board was called. The meeting resumed at 7:00pm.

Student and Public Comment

Tobi Rates: spoke of her autistic son who was transported to school each day by a PPS Special Education bus driver. The people who transport our kids are paid less than PPS food truck drivers. It's not an easy job; autistic children need routines, and knowing that the bus driver will be the same one every day is very important.

Emily Giugni: new PTA President at Rigler School. Rigler was supposed to be rebuilt, but that failed. It was in desperate need of repairs. The District has the money for the repairs and she heard the repairs were going to happen, but no bids were received, so no repairs will be happening. The District needs to look at this with an equity lens. Why could Rigler not get a bid? Parents never received any information on why.

Chelsea Bunch: Kairos parent, born and raised in North Portland, and it has pained her to see her neighborhood gentrified. The achievement gap for children of color is grim. Kairos has been a blessing to her, but the District was not serving the Kairos kids very well. Do you not want an organization like Kairos to improve the outcome? She is a taxpayer in PPS and she has received a rotten return on her investment. Kairos is a public charter school and the District receives funds on every child they serve. The District was disrupting what was working. The black community is watching and ready to have their voices heard.

Action Items

- Consideration of Step 3 Complaint No 2018-01

Public Comment:

Rong Gao: testified on her experience at the school, stating the principal has targeted her son. There were many instances that she documented over the years. Everything is random with no reason. The principal treats children of color differently than white children. The principal even yelled at her in their office.

Reports to the Board

- Implementation of the Student Safety Recommendations from the Whitehurst Investigation
- 2017 Capital Bond Updates: Health, Safety and Accessibility; Kellogg Middle School; and, Middle School Openings

The Board Approved the Following Items:

- Resolution 5690: Resolution to Uphold the Superintendent's Decision on a Step 2 Appeal – Complaint No. 2018-01
- Resolution 5693: Revising the Wages for Bus Drivers effective July 25, 2018
- Resolution 5700: Designation of Real Property as Surplus at Ivon Lot (SE Ivon between SE 13th and 14th Avenues)
- Business Agenda

Adjourn

Chair Moore adjourned the meeting at 10:55pm.

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